Allocation of insufficient fund to the judiciary

3206. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient fund has not been allocated for staff, stenographers, Magistrates to the Judiciary by several States; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken in this regard by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) The subordinate judiciary in States is under the control of the respective High Court under article 235 of the Constitution. Appointment of District Judges and other judicial officers is made by the Governor of the State in consultation with the High Court exercising jurisdiction in relation to such State under the provisions of articles 233-234 of the Constitution of India. The State Government is responsible for meeting the expenditure on the subordinate judiciary including supporting staff and infrastructure of Courts.

Incentives to States for promoting FTCs

3207. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give special incentives to the States for promoting Fast Track Courts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) Fast Track Courts are being set up under a grant recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission. The grant does not provide for any incentives to better performing States.

Special Prosecutor for Babri Masjid Demolition Case

3208. SHRI R.K. ANAND : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are appointing Special prosecutors in the Babri Masjid demolition case; and

(b) if so, the conditions of such appointment?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.